

ten." So Katie wrote:

- "1. It's gone and rained so we can't play croquet.
- "2. Minnie is going away, and I'll have to sit with that horrid little Jean Bascom on Monday.
- "3. ———

Here Katie bit her pencil, and then could not help laughing.

"That's all I can think of just this minute," she said.

"Well," said her mother, "I'll just keep this paper a day or two."

That afternoon the rain had cleared away, and Katie and her mamma, as they sat at the window, saw Uncle Jack come to take Katie to drive; and oh, what a jolly afternoon they had of it!

Monday, when Katie came home from school, she said:

"O mamma, I didn't like Jean at all at first, but she's a lovely seatmate. I'm so glad, aren't you?"

"Oh!" was all mamma said; but somehow it made Katie think of her Saturday troubles and the paper.

"I guess I'll tear up that paper, now, mamma, dear," she said, laughing rather shyly.

"And next time," said mamma, "why not let the troubles come before you cry about them? There are so many of them which turn out very pleasant, if you'll only wait to see."

Sisters' Society C. E.

To the S. S. C. E. Readers

Commencement is over and Ashland College days are a joy of the past for the present school year. Those who graduated completed the normal course only, and, with the exception of one or two expect to return next fall.

Quite a number of the students are now enjoying the Ohio Convention. With no studies on our minds, and with the royal entertainment we are receiving here, it is quite a change from the quiet life at the Dormitory.

Saturday afternoon we had a short private session of the Ohio S. S. C. E., after which a few papers were read by the sisters before the main conference. Eleven societies reported their year's earnings to be almost six hundred dollars.

Before beginning my letters "from the field," I want to speak of a new plan of work the local society of Ashland is undertaking, and that is to furnish one of the rooms in the Boarding Hall at the College. All the furnished rooms were occupied during the year, and since the number of students will be increased next year, it will be necessary to furnish more rooms this summer.

The Ashland S. S. C. E. has not been asked to do this, but they have generously offered themselves to thus help. Almost at the same time came a similar proposition from the South Bend society, thru Sister Frame. Surely the trustees of the College will accept these offers with gladness, for it is a good work. I believe there are other societies that are waiting to do mission work in the same way, therefore I speak of it thru

our columns to give every society, that wishes to do so, an opportunity to share in this work. The S. S. C. E. does not demand this from the local societies, but only gives them the *privilege* of furnishing a room in the Dormitory. The furniture required for one room is a stove, bedstead and bedding, washstand, study table, a few chairs and a carpet. The cost will be about \$25.00. While the Ashland society will be able to select their own furniture it will not be practical for other societies to do so, but they can send the required cash to the Ashland S. S. C. E., if I may be allowed to suggest, and they could act as a committee to buy the furniture for the other societies. Rag carpets are desirable and these could be sent, then the rest be given in money.

The name of the local society furnishing the room will be placed on the inside of the door of the room. Those who can do any thing in this line, will please begin at once so the rooms will be ready before time to open school next fall.

There are many ways, indeed, in which the earnest heart may do mission work, and this is one way by which we may carry out the second purpose of our S. S. C. E. organization—that of doing general mission work. May God help us always in whatever we do, to do all for His sake.

Until June 30 my address will be Milledgeville, Illinois.

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Our Young People

Life

What is life, but as we make it
By our constant toil and aim?
'Tis a case of make—ill use it,
Thus to win or lose the game;
By our lives and constant effort,
We shall either win or lose,
And if we ourselves mismanage,
We should others not abuse.
Neither poverty nor riches
Will our happiness create,
Yet the world seems to be striving
Life from this view to debate;
'Tis the soul and Christian spirit
Make our woe or make our woe;
And if we will find life's blessing,
'Tis where Christian feelings flow.

Where love binds and holds the heart bound
In a slavery divine,
Where the life is consecrated,
Love with labor to combine:
Where the thought of self is absent,
In desire for other's good.
Surely, that is life worth living,
Which we could live, if we would.
Then we'd find life one long pleasure,
Whether rich or whether poor,
And we would be loved and happy
And our souls would be more pure.
And if we have grief and sorrow,
'Tis a lesson that we need,
To make pure our souls and noble;
Surely, this we should believe.
Let us not think life intended,
Just earth's riches to collect:
Making that our main ambition,
While we better things reject;
That was never God's intention,
When he placed us on this earth;
For the love of God and mankind,
Far more to our souls is worth.

WHEN IS A NATION SAFE? Deut. 26:1-11

Topic, July 1. (A Patriotic Service.)

The birthday of our nation once more approaches and the hearts of the children beat high as they think of the fireworks and excitement and general hurrah of the day. Will the hearts of the older people beat high with greater thoughts than these? Is the attendance upon the speeches general enough, or is the meaning of the day taught enough in other ways, to insure an appreciation of the real meaning of the day? If the real spirit of the day be not fostered by our method of celebration it is a failure. I would not banish the noise altogether. The emotions excited by the general booming will abide long after the fireworks have burned out. But we must not be so lost in our pride of country as to forget its perils. He best loves his country who best guards its honor. It is better to have a country worthy of glory than to glory over things that are unworthy. This lesson is to help us from God's word to learn some of those principles upon which a nation must build if it is to abide.

- 1 Some things which tho commonly trusted, will not make a nation safe.
 - 1 Physical might, Micah 7: 16; Zech. 4: 6.
 - 2 Alliance with other nations, Isa. 30: 1-3.
 - 3 Great wealth, Jer. 49: 4, 5.
 - 4 Natural defenses, Amos 6: 1.
 - 5 Many men, Ps. 118: 8, 9.
 - 6 False trust, Jer. 7: 3, 12.
- 2 Some things which are sure to make a nation decline.
 - 1 Sin, Mic. 6: 13; Nahum 1: 14; Hos. 14: 1.
 - 2 Intemperance, Hab. 2: 5, 8 (R. V.); 2: 15-17.
 - 3 Selfish aggression, Hab. 2: 9-11.
 - 4 Oppression, Hab. 2: 12-14.
 - 5 Idolatry, Hab. 2: 18, 20.
 - 6 The three sins of Sodom, Ezek. 16: 49. Note these especially as they are characteristic of all nations.
- 3 Some things which exalt a nation.
 - 1 Faith in God, Ps. 33: 12; 20: 7; 44: 6.
 - 2 Righteousness, Prov. 14: 34; 16: 12.
 - 3 Love of good, Amos 5: 13-15.
 - 4 A high form of worship, Isa. 2: 2-4.
 - 5 Peace, Mic. 4: 3, 5.
- 4 Principles of God's dealing with nations.
 - 1 The general law of recompense, Jer. 49: 4, 5.
 - 2 Nations like men are judged according to their works, Jer. 25: 12-14.
 - 3 Judgment may accumulate, Gen. 15: 16.
 - 4 Judgment may descend on one generation which has accumulated thru many, Matt. 23: 35, 36.
 - 5 The coming day will see nations obeying God's will, Rev. 21: 24.

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1 Which is more lasting riches or truth?
- 2 Should a nation seek wealth or character? Why?
- 3 What are a nation's greatest enemies—those which destroy forts or those which corrupt morals?
- 4 What are some of the forces which are corrupting the morals of our country?
- 5 Why are cigarettes, intemperance, etc., worse foes than foreign armies?
- 6 How can we best fight these great evils at home?
- 7 How do the righteous preserve a nation?
- 8 What are the great principles of our country of which our flag is a symbol?
- 9 Why should the Fourth of July be celebrated and how?
- 10 How can we best help make our country what it ought to be?

TO THE LEADER—The references and questions given above are especially difficult this week. They cannot be made clear and helpful without much study beforehand. Each of the references and questions might be assigned to some one for study and a one minute paper or talk. The pastor may be called upon to help interpret the passages. Special songs and perhaps a recitation or two should enliven the occasion. Perhaps some good work may be done in a